

OLD MIDLAND SCHOOL

AL-VI-B-073  
Paradise Street, Midland  
1899

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Old School Building

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Paradise &amp; Lonaconing Streets

CITY, TOWN

Midland

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☒ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Allegany County Commissioners

Telephone #: 724-5710

STREET &amp; NUMBER

County Office Building, Prospect Square

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21502

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Old School Building is located on the east side of Paradise Street in Midland, Allegany County at the intersection of Lonaconing streets.

The building consists of an original two story, five bay wide, four bay long, brick structure laid in American Common Bond. The structure includes a rear two story brick addition which abuts the original block on the southeast side and it was added at a later date. The original facade is supported by a high stone foundation with a beveled water table, and several single sash windows are placed on the foundation. Wall features on the old school include a double belt course between the first and second story as well as a corbeled belt course above the second story window. Windows in the original block include double hung wooden sash frames with one over one and four over four lights while the rear addition windows exhibit nine over nine lights. The roof of the structure is hipped and covered with replaced asphalt materials while the eaves feature boxed cornices and soffit with frieze. Three hipped roof dormers are found on the structure and are placed on each of three sides. The roof also, includes two original brick chimneys. One chimney located to the interior of the block features a large rectangular shape with a belt course and corbeled top. The second chimney, located centrally to the original block is stepped and is covered by a semicircular hood. The entrances to the main block features double doors with transom and fan light and steps lead to the entrance level.

The school is structurally sound; however, it has been somewhat altered when the rear addition was added.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

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SPECIFIC DATES      1899                                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Allegany County Commissioners

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Midland School was constructed in 1899 from the general growth and development of the Town of Midland. In the years prior to 1870, nearly half of the county's schools were log structures. It was not until the late 19th century that the county and more specifically the George's Creek Region began an extensive building campaign.<sup>1</sup> The Midland School was begun during this period, and the rear addition was added in 1923. The school now serves as a storage place for a collection of horse carriages and buggys.

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1 Harry Stegmaier, Jr., Allegany County - A History, (Parsons, West, Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1976) p. 263

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .48 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1/17/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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.48 ACRES

DATE: 12/29/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Old School BuildingLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Paradise & Lonaconing Sts., MidlandDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NorthwestNAME OF OWNER: Alligany County Commissioners 724-5710ADDRESS: County Office Building, Prospect Square  
Cambsland, Md. 21502STORIES: 1( ) 2(☒) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5(☒) 6( ) 7( ) ( )WINGS, ADDITIONS: Rear 2 Story Brick - w/ concrete beveled foundation - 9/9 Lights - 7 stretcher to header pattern

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
(☒) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 5-6/1  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERSFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other(☒ <sup>4/4</sup>)  
pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Double paneled front doorHARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAINPaneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,  
ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS # 3MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK(☒) STONE( ) CORBELLED(☒) original(☒) replaced(☒)  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior(☒)ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - not occupied - carriage museum (Thrasher)Significance - arch.Date Constructed - 1899-1923 (New Part)Condition - fair

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